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TAGS: EFIN, EINV, CPRS, US, SY

SUBJECT: U.S. PRIVATE AND OFFICIAL CLAIMS AGAINST SYRIA

REFS: (A) STATE 158672, (B) DAMASCUS 4583

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES TEXT OF DRAFT NOTE TO SYRIAN  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN REF (B). FOR ADDITIONAL  
CLARITY AND ACCURACY, DEPARTMENT HAS MADE A FEW MINOR  
CHANGES.

2. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED AND  
REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING REVISED DRAFT NOTE TO THE  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

QUOTE: THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC AND HAS THE HONOR TO SUBMIT  
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HEREWITH A LIST OF CLAIMS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED  
STATES ON ITS OWN BEHALF AND ON BEHALF OF CERTAIN UNITED  
STATES NATIONALS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SYRIAN ARAB  
REPUBLIC. THE LIST IDENTIFIES THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE  
CLAIMS ONLY, AS WELL AS CERTAIN OTHER RELATED MATTERS WITH  
WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AT THE SAME TIME

IS ALSO CONCERNED.

THE EMBASSY FURTHER HAS THE HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS MEET IN DAMASCUS ON A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE DATE LATER THIS YEAR, FOR EXAMPLE IN SEPTEMBER, TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND VIEWS, AND TO DISCUSS MODALITIES FOR THE HANDLING OF THE CLAIMS AND RELATED MATTERS IN THE REFERENCED LIST WITH THE VIEW TO CONCLUDING AN EXPEDITIOUS AND EQUITABLE SETTLEMENT OF THE CLAIMS AND MATTERS IN QUESTION.

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES AVAILS ITSELF OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE

3. PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT DATE WHEN ABOVE NOTE IS TRANSMITTED AND SARG REACTIONS, IF ANY. VANCE

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